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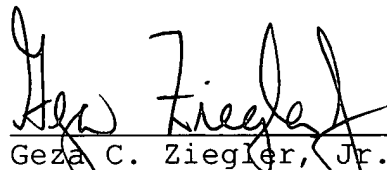
Claims 1 and 8-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Tamowski et al., 4,82,401. Claims 2-7 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation present in allowable claim 3; claim 3 has been cancelled. Since amended claim 1 contains the limitation present in allowable claim 3, claim 1 is now allowable.

All the remaining claims now depend from directly or indirectly from allowable claim 1 and are therefore themselves allowable. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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